

Moran Calls on Kansas AG to Examine Constitutionality of Senate Health Care Bill

HAYS - Congressman Jerry Moran recently called on Kansas Attorney General Steve Six to examine the legal validity of the Senate-passed health care reform legislation.

"The personal handouts and political payoffs that led to passage of health care reform legislation in the Senate mean Kansans would be strapped with excessive burdens and costs to pay for the special treatment given to Nebraska and more than 10 other states," Moran said.

In a letter, Moran asked Attorney General Six to examine whether the Senate health care bill violates the U.S. Constitution since it would levy significant taxes and mandate requirements that treat one state differently from all others in an arbitrary manner. Under this legislation, H.R. 3590, the federal government would pay for all new Medicaid enrollees in Nebraska.

The special treatment given to Nebraska would cost federal taxpayers more than \$100 million over the next 10 years and make Nebraska the only state where the federal government would pay for all new Medicaid enrollees.

Moran also asked the Attorney General to determine whether Kansas could block the bill from being implemented should it become law.

Moran is Chairman of the Rural Health Care Coalition and opposes H.R. 3590, the Senate-passed health care reform legislation.

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